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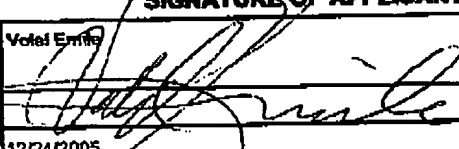
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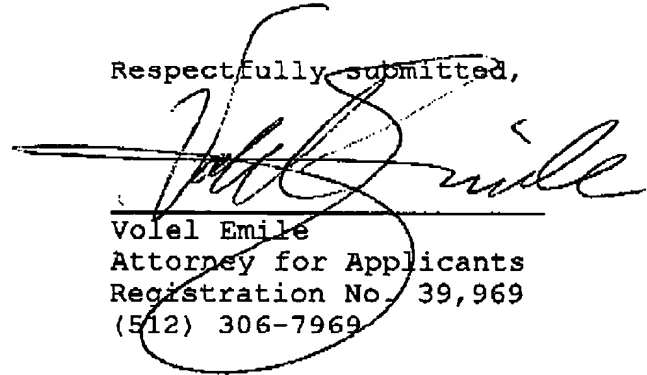
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The Examiner rejected Claims 1 - 25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Microsoft FrontPage 12/31/99, Screen Shots pp 1 -7 in view of Khan. Applicants respectfully disagree.

In the Microsoft FrontPage Screen Shots, a first subfolder is shown to be copied into a second sub-folder. But note that this is a sub-folder that is copied into another sub-folder. It is not the content of a first sub-folder that is copied into a second sub-folder. More

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specifically, it is not **a copy of the bookmarks stored in the first sub-folder that is stored into the second sub-folder** as claimed.

Consequently, if one were to access the second sub-folder, the original content of the second sub-folder and the first sub-folder (and not the content of the first sub-folder) would be displayed.

According to Khan, a web directory is typically compiled by listing any and all sites submitted for inclusion under a category by their webmaster. Users of such directories are restricted to the categorization set once and for all by the webmaster. Because of this, users wishing to add sites to such directories are unable to create their own custom category under which to put a new site. Thus, Khan purports to teach a method for generating a prioritized network site directory.

According to the teachings of Khan, a link to a site on a network is generated. The site is then added to a site directory that includes a set of categories. The site is categorized into one of the categories of the site directory. The site is also ranked in the category. Further, the site is compared with pre-existing sites in the site directory wherein a notification is generated if the site matches one of the pre-existing sites of the site directory.

But, just as in the case of the Microsoft FrontPage Screen Shots, Khan does not teach the step of **creating a copy of bookmarks stored in a first sub-folder** and of **storing the copy into a second sub-folder** as claimed.

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Since neither the Microsoft FrontPage Screen Shots nor Khan teaches a method of making ***a copy of bookmarks stored in a first sub-folder and storing the copy into a second sub-folder***, Applicants submit that Claim 1 and its dependent claims should be allowable over the cited references. Independent Claims 7, 13 and 19 and their respective dependent claims, which all incorporate the above-emboldened-italicized limitations, should be allowable as well. Claim 25 also contains the above-referenced limitations and should also be allowable. Therefore, Applicants once more respectfully request reconsideration, allowance and passage to issue of the claims in the application.

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APPENDIX

1. (Previously presented) A computer implemented method of linking a first sub-folder to a second sub-folder in a bookmark folder comprising the steps of:

creating a copy of bookmarks stored in the first sub-folder; and

storing the copy into the second sub-folder.
2. (Previously presented) The computer implemented method of Claim 1 further including the step of marking said copy as having been originated from said first sub-folder.
3. (Previously presented) The computer implemented method of Claim 2 wherein when the second sub-folder is accessed the bookmarks originally stored therein and the copy are displayed in a distinguishing manner.
4. (Previously presented) The computer implemented method of Claim 3 wherein the distinguishing manner includes displaying the copy under a title.
5. (Previously presented) The computer implemented method of Claim 4 wherein the title is the name of the first sub-folder.

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6. (Previously presented) The computer implemented method of Claim 5 wherein the distinguishing manner includes highlighting the copy.
7. (Original) A computer program product on a computer readable medium for linking a first sub-folder to a second sub-folder in a bookmark folder comprising:

code means for creating a copy of bookmarks stored in the first sub-folder; and

code means for storing the copy into the second sub-folder.
8. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 7 further including code means for marking said copy as having been originated from said first sub-folder.
9. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 8 wherein when the second sub-folder is accessed the bookmarks originally stored therein and the copy are displayed in a distinguishing manner.
10. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 9 wherein the distinguishing manner includes displaying the copy under a title.
11. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 10 wherein the title is the name of the first sub-folder.

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12. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 11 wherein the distinguishing manner includes highlighting the copy.
13. (Previously presented) A computer implemented apparatus for linking a first sub-folder to a second sub-folder in a bookmark folder comprising:
- means for creating a copy of bookmarks stored in the first sub-folder; and
- means for storing the copy into the second sub-folder.
14. (Previously presented) The computer implemented apparatus of Claim 13 further including means for marking said copy as having been originated from said first sub-folder.
15. (Previously presented) The computer implemented apparatus of Claim 14 wherein when the second sub-folder is accessed the bookmarks originally stored therein and the copy are displayed in a distinguishing manner.
16. (Previously presented) The computer implemented apparatus of Claim 15 wherein the distinguishing manner includes displaying the copy under a title.

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17. (Previously presented) The computer implemented apparatus of Claim 16 wherein the title is the name of the first sub-folder.
18. (Previously presented) The computer implemented apparatus of Claim 17 wherein the distinguishing manner includes highlighting the copy.
19. (Original) A computer system for linking a first sub-folder to a second sub-folder in a bookmark folder comprising:

at least one memory device for storing code data; and

at least one processor for processing said code data to create a copy of bookmarks stored in the first sub-folder and to store the copy into the second sub-folder.
20. (Original) The computer system of Claim 19 wherein the processor processes the code data to further mark said copy as having been originated from said first sub-folder.
21. (Original) The computer system of Claim 20 wherein when the second sub-folder is accessed the bookmarks originally stored therein and the copy are displayed in a distinguishing manner.

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22. (Original) The computer system of Claim 21 wherein the distinguishing manner includes displaying the copy under a title.
23. (Original) The computer system of Claim 22 wherein the title is the name of the first sub-folder.
24. (Original) The computer system of Claim 23 wherein the distinguishing manner includes highlighting the copy.
25. (New) A computer implemented method of linking a first sub-folder to a second sub-folder in a bookmark folder comprising the steps of:

copying all bookmarks stored in the first sub-folder into the second sub-folder; and

assembling all bookmarks originally stored in the second sub-folder into a first group and the bookmarks copied into the second sub-folder into a second group in the second sub-folder such that when the second sub-folder is opened only bookmarks are displayed, the bookmarks in the first group being highlighted to distinguish the bookmarks in the first group from the bookmarks in the second group.

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